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Mr. Angus M. Thuermer
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Dear Mr. Thuermer:

Of the six questions submitted by this office under the President's Executive Order 11652, two were rejected because the Agency was "unable to locate documents responsive to the questions" and one because the requested material was not in the Agency's jurisdiction.

The other three were described as lacking sufficient particularity to permit their identification and location with reasonable effort. The questions are restated herewith in an effort to remedy this deficiency.

1) The National Intelligence Estimate or C.I.A. contribution toward such N.I.E. regarding Chinese troop strength, disposition and/or movement just prior to China's intervention in the Korean War on Nov. 1, 1950. (Question originally listed #2).

2) Intelligence estimate of threat to Laos Government presented to President Eisenhower by Allen Dulles, C.I.A. Director, at White House meeting Jan. 1, 1961 also attended by State and Defense Department representatives. Also any material defining U.S. interest in Laos about that time. (Originally Query #3.)

3) In question originally numbered 5 and headed: Termination of Greek Civil War, our interest is in any document prepared for C.I.A. illuminating the reasons for Marshall Tito's closing of the Yugoslav frontier with Greece following his break with the Cominform. Generally credited as a major factor in putting down the Greek Communist rebellion, the action was announced July 10, 1949 and gradually implemented until fully effective in the Fall of 1949. The thought here is that the Tito decision reflected great resourcefulness on the part of U.S. agencies contributing to it. Regretably, we do not have any numbers by which such document can be identified.

It has been the assumption here that there was sufficient expertise within the agency to recall or locate documentary information in these three areas. But if lack of particularity is to prevent implementation of the Executive Order on declassification, we will have to live with it.

Sincerely,

Felix Belair, Jr.